

512.91 (b) Application Deferral Letter

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL: RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

DATE

(Name and address of applicant)

Application No: _____

Dear (applicant name):

This notification is to advise you that although your (program) application meets the objectives established for the program, we were not able to fund your application at this time. During the application ranking process, it was determined that other applications would provide greater environmental benefits. Because funding for (program) projects in (county and/or State) is limited, your application did not rank high enough for funding during this evaluation period. Therefore, NRCS is deferring your application until the next application/ranking period.

Although your application will not be funded at this time, we encourage you to keep your application on file should additional funds become available. You may exercise any of the following options by calling (_____) _____ no later than 30 days from receipt of this notice to inform us of your decision:

- ☐ Retain this application for funding "as is" during the next evaluation period.
- ☐ Retain this application with the understanding that "I want to consider changes that will help improve my chances of receiving future funding. I am requesting NRCS assistance to identify potential improvements before the next evaluation period. Please contact me at (_____) _____ to schedule this assistance."
- ☐ I do not want my application considered during the next evaluation period. I am voluntarily canceling my deferred application.

If you do not contact NRCS by the above date, your application will be considered "as is" during the next evaluation period.

Deferral of your application is not an appealable issue because deferral of the application does not constitute an adverse decision under the National Appeals Division rules of procedure. However, you may appeal the technical determination that supports the basis for the deferral of your application.

If you feel the facts have not been properly considered, you may request the following appeal rights: Appeal to the _____ County FSA Committee, or the National Appeals Division (NAD). You may also request mediation. Please contact the NRCS Office if you plan to take any of these actions.

To request mediation contact:

Mediation Coordinator
Agriculture Mediation Program
Address
Phone:
Fax:

To appeal directly to the National Appeals Division contact:

Assistant Director
Address
Phone:
Fax:

Your written request must be received no later than 30 days from the date that you received this notification and clearly explain the reasons you disagree with the decision in order for it to be considered.

Thank you for your interest in this program. We look forward to assisting you in the future.

Sincerely,

Name
District Conservationist

cc: CED, FSA